



VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER Task Force Meeting Minutes April 13, 2021

Present: ALH, ARC, BRK, BUR, MPK, PAS, SGB, SMD, SNM, Jason Pfau, Oscar Barrera, Manny Soto, Gor Galstyan, Gordon Arnold

Absent: GLN, MTB, MRV, SPS, Dr. Loza, BC Ambrose

Meeting Conducted via MS Teams, no votes taken.

Strategic Plan: (Gor)

- **Meetings held for QI, Comm. Plan and Mayday/RIC teams, updated Plan of Work will be sent out**

VFCC updates: (Gor, Jason)

- CAD/GIS – new command point update was deployed this AM, For the MCT, version 1.2.2 installed on 170 MCTs, best to leave them on all the time for the push updates.
- MDT – A few MDTs were not updated because Allied was unable to reach them, Allied will be working with Agency IT to resolve.
- 4 new FCOs have completed initial training and are beginning call taking.
- PSAP meeting – monthly was cancelled for March but regular contact is made with PSAPs.
- Finance – 5% increase in rates for next year, some cities had significant drop in call volumes as assessed value increased. Meetings with the Tri-City Finance Directors is scheduled for April 15. Three contracts are expiring (BUR, SNM, SPS).

Workgroups:

- Communications Plan – Weddle: still working on training video scripts, reached out to RTG for the July-August training.
- Mayday/RIC – Brown: got commitments from all Verdugo agencies (training Chief and Captains). Working on converting 3/0 Staffing in conjunction of 4/0 staffing. Draft will go to Task Force soon.
- QI – Alvarez: Stat is available from VFCC. 10% of SMOKEI are being upgraded, possibility of sending reduced crew. 6% APPL and 7% of EEECF fires being upgraded. Need to discuss, decide what is the acceptable rate. Small cities might be impacted if switching to full response when combining APT, APPL, EEECF, FLOW, HOUSE, SMOKEI, STR, UNKF to SFD, MFD, COMM types.

New Business:

- Tactical Worksheet – Rueda: Wildland and Verdugo Tactical worksheets revised and sent. Adding more space for Engines.
- Area C BC Training – Rueda: Total 60 people trained, well received, 99% of the comments were positive. Standardizing 360. Potentially developing something to go to VFCC manuals. A few Fire Chiefs were listening to the training as well. Next training will be with Chief Mike Inman from LA County Fire- 'Wildland, the First Hour for the IC' - What the first hours of successful wildland fire look like. Ask Ambrose for PPT from the training.
- Area C Training Chiefs –Brown: The group has a few new captains. Tomorrow at 9AM is the Tablet Command training. More to follow next month.
- Dispatcher Appreciation Week April 11-17 – Gor: Thank you for your contributions.



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Major Events:

- 10 W Magnolia Blvd, Burbank – waiting for internal AR, will talk more about it on next Task Force (add to May Agenda).
- 605 Electric Ave, Alhambra – 6AM second alarm garage fire, no contents inside. Crews were able to prevent second story fire spread.
- Two weeks ago, within 72 hours, eleven fires were started across Valley Blvd. in ALH started by a 37 y.o. who was arrested but was released on bail and skipped the court date and disappeared.

Roundtable GLN – Nothing to report

PAS – BC exams coming up in 2-3 weeks, recruiting for 20 FFs in May.

ARC – Last week FF entrance exam started

BUR – Tri annual exercise held

SGB – Engineers test coming on April 28, Mission Fire investigation was concluded and it is with DA, turned out to be arson.

ALH – Nothing report

MPK – Nothing report

SMD – Captains exams and interview in two weeks

SNM – Nothing to report

BRK – Academy graduating may 7th

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday May 11, 2021 MS Teams